

## State of Utah

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TO:

Board of Oil, Gas & Mining

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Five-Year Rules Review and Renewal Process

This memorandum is written to summarize the Division's recommendation to modify the five-year rules renewal process in order to create efficiency for the Board and the Division. The Division understands the Board's time is valuable and efficiencies are desired if appropriate.

The Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act at U.C.A. §63-46a-9 requires each agency to review each of its rules within 5 years of the rule's original effective date or within five years of the filing of the last five-year review, whichever is later. The Act does not prescribe a process for such a rule review.

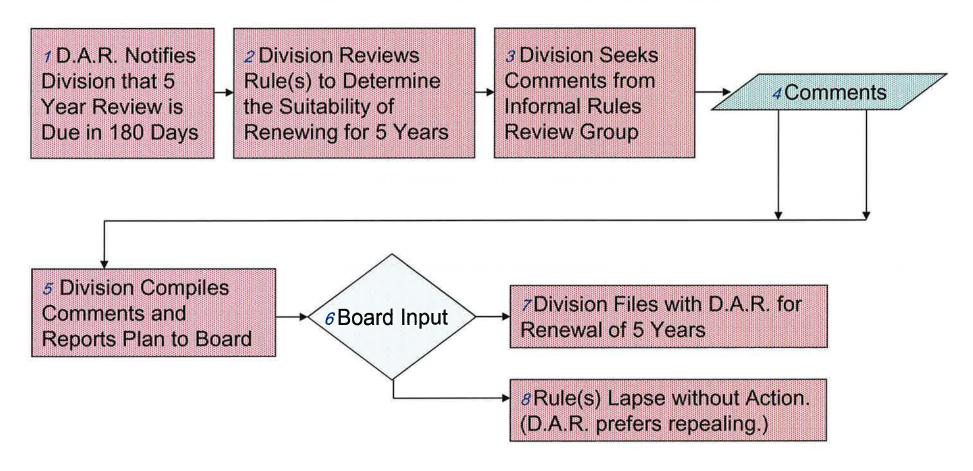
The Division recommends the process identified on the attached October 12, 2011 flowchart. This recommended process removes steps 3 and 4 from the existing process shown on the October 6, 2009 flowchart, such that the Division would conduct one briefing to the Board rather than two for this one subject. The new process will enable the Division to seek comment from the Informal Rules Review Group prior to the one Board briefing on the subject.

I will be available to answer questions at the Board briefing on October 26, 2011 or I can be reached at 801-538-5328.

Attachments

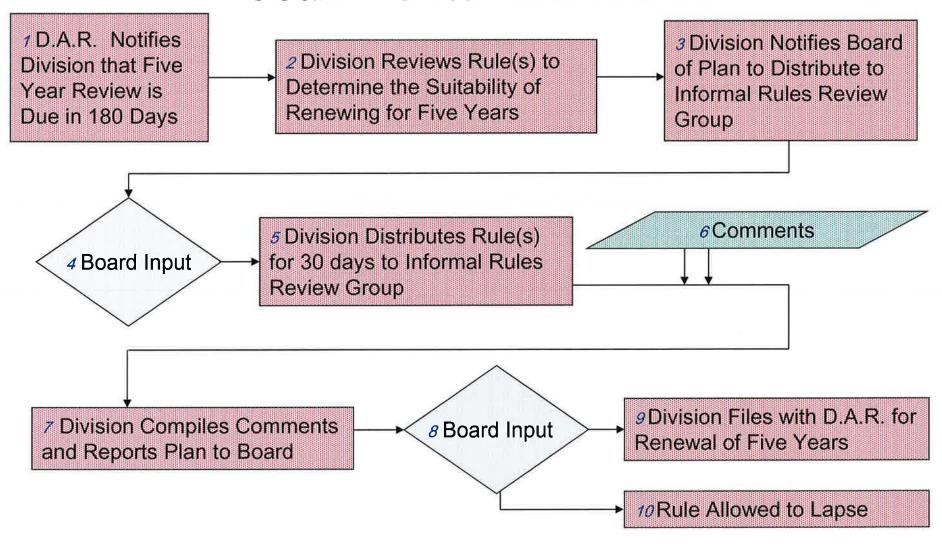


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